

Forest Land-Gadchiroli

Diversion of 2.0101 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for Trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable Line passing within RoW of existing road.

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No.: FLD-26A22/CR.188/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032

Date: 21.09.2022

Reference:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Gadchiroli /ID-13223/768/2022-23, dt.29.06.2022.

Preamble:-

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 2.0101 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within RoW of existing road NH-130D on Kandoli to Laheri in Tal. Bhamragad, Dist. Gadchiroli to the State Forest Department.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.803 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within RoW of existing road NH-130D on Kandoli to Laheri in Tal. Bhamragad, Dist. Gadchiroli.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Details of land required for Laying Underground Optical Cable along the road in ROW of NH-130D on Kandoli to Laheri Route in Bharmragad Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli						
Sr. No.	Range	Name of Village	Details of Forest Land			
			Comp. No.	Length X Width	Area	
					Sq. Mtr	Hact.
1	Tadgaon	Kedmarra (S)	T624	1390 X 0.5	695	0.0695
			T623	125 X 0.5	62.5	0.00625
			T625	1563 X 0.5	781.5	0.0782
			T626	169 X 0.5	84.5	0.0085
2	Tadgaon	Kudkeli	T626	3123 X 0.5	1561.5	0.1562
3	Tadgaon	Tadgaon	T576	2728 X 0.5	1364	0.1364
			T575	2156 X 0.5	1078	0.1078
4	Tadgaon	Kosfundi	T575	76.8 X 0.5	38.4	0.0038
			T565	23.3 X 0.5	11.65	0.0012

			T574	321 X 0.5	160.5	0.0161
			T565	350 X 0.5	175	0.0175
			T 566	155 X 0.5	77.5	0.0078
			T574	273 X 0.5	136.5	0.0137
			T566	109 X 0.5	54.5	0.0055
			T573	760 X 0.5	380	0.038
			T 566	494 X 0.5	247	0.0247
5	Tadgaon	Bejur/Kumarguda	T 567	1149 X 0.5	574.5	0.0575
6	Tadgaon	Block Forest	T 567	3290 X 0.5	1645	0.1645
7	Tadgaon / Bhamragad	Hemalkasa	T 568	1718 X 0.5	859	0.0859
			T 569	2770 X 0.5	1385	0.1385
			B706	449 X 0.5	224.5	0.0225
8	Bhamragarh	Bhamragarh	B700	1034 X 0.5	517	0.0517
			B706	348 X 0.5	174	0.0174
			B705	116 X 0.5	58	0.0058
			B701	831 X 0.5	415.5	0.0416
9	Bhamragarh	Dobaguda	B702	549 X 0.5	274.5	0.0275
10		Medpalli	B702, B703	2070 X 0.5	1035	0.1035
11	Bhamragarh	Dhodraj	B790	88.5 X 0.5	44.25	0.0044
			B791	267 X 0.5	133.5	0.0134
			B801	142 X 0.5	71	0.0071
			B790	422 X 0.5	211	0.0211
			B801	1112 X 0.5	556	0.0556
			B791	340 X 0.5	170	0.017
			B792	590 X 0.5	295	0.0295
12	Bhamragarh	Hindewade (m)	B792	2605 X 0.5	1302.5	0.1303
13	Bhamragarh	Mallampodhur	B788	1927 X 0.5	963.5	0.0964
			B781	689 X 0.5	344.5	0.0345
			B787	298 X 0.5	149	0.0149
			B781	1385 X 0.5	697.5	0.0698
14	Bhamragarh	Laheri	B782	626 X 0.5	313	0.0313
			B786	671 X 0.5	335.5	0.0336
			B783	890 X 0.5	445	0.0445
TOTAL				40.19 Km	20101.3	2.0101

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land for diversion along with Stage-I compliance.
- 3) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 1.65 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 4) The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the

land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.

- 5) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 6) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 7) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 8) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 9) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 10) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 11) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 12) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 13) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 14) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 15) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 16) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 17) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 18) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 19) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 20) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 21) In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
- 22) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
- 23) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This Government Order of Maharashtra Government is available at the website www.maharashtra.gov.in. Reference no. for this is 202209211752386519. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhav)

Under Secretary, Government of Maharashtra

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11. M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
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